



**Minutes of Southern Energy Co-operative Ltd board meeting, 4 January 1999, 71 Franciscan Avenue, Frankston.**

**Present:** A.R. Gourley, G. Wishart and David Griffiths

**Guest:** Dieter Schwab

**Apology:** R. Greaves

**Minutes**

The Secretary apologised for not distributing the minutes of the previous meeting of 7 December 1998 and undertook to provide these as soon as possible.

**Audit**

The Secretary undertook to arrange for copying of the minutes of meetings during 1998 for the auditor. It was noted that A.R. Gourley would liaise with the auditor and be assisted by Greg Wishart if necessary.

**New Member**

That Dieter Schwab be admitted as a member subject to receipt of a membership application form and payment of \$16.50.

**Moved:** G. Wishart **S:** David Griffiths **CARRIED**

The Secretary said that he would mail out the necessary information to Mr. Schwab - copies of the Rules, the application for membership form and the last audit.

**New Director**

Mr. Schwab indicated his interest in becoming a director and it was agreed that he could be co-opted at the next meeting subject to receipt of application for membership form and the necessary payment.

**SEC NEWS**

It was noted that the next issue was due in March and that the Chairman was writing an article directed at encouraging active membership.

**Purple Sage Project**

The Secretary distributed copies of Bulletin 1 of The Purple Sage Project.

## VFF

During the meeting the Chairman of Co-operative Energy Ltd, Graeme Charles, telephoned to report on a meeting with two staff of the Victorian Farmers Federation - Chris James (Policy Officer) and Patrick O'Halloran (Dairy section).

The Secretary reported on a confidential basis that the VFF had requested the meeting to discuss a proposal made by AES to provide the VFF with a commission by selling energy to its members.

The meeting lasted approximately two and a half hours and the two VFF officials were positive about the option of organising purchasing co-operatives and participate in the North East Power initiative with the participating local councils.

Co-operative Energy Ltd is to follow-up by advising VFF on issues to examine and to outline the basic and rationale for energy co-operatives. The VFF staff were to discuss the purchasing co-operatives with their superiors.

**NEXT MEETING:** 8.00 p.m., 1 February 1999, 71 Franciscan Avenue, Frankston

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